

## 6.

## Claims:

1. Screen for holding refuse sacks (7) open, characterized in

that the screen (1) is shorter than the refuse sack (7) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can  
5 be folded into the screen (1),

that the screen (1) is designed to stretch the refuse sack (7), and

that a locking device (11) is provided to lock the open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) and the screen (1)  
10 to each other.

2. Screen according to claim 1, characterized in

that the screen (1) consists of elastic material and is compressible from a normal shape to a narrower  
15 shape,

that the refuse sack (7) can be threaded onto the screen (1) or said screen (1) be inserted into said refuse sack (7) when said screen (1) is compressed to a narrower shape, and

20 that the screen (1) can be brought to spring out from its narrower shape to its normal shape and thereby stretch the refuse sack (7).

3. Screen according to claim 2, characterized in that a holding-together member (13) is  
25 provided to hold the screen (1) in its narrower shape.

4. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) has at least one handle opening (6) into which parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) are insertable such that one can get hold of the handle opening (6) in order to lift and carry the screen (1) and the refuse sack (7).

35 5. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the locking device (11) comprises pins (11a) which extend outwards from second

7.

end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and against which open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be pressed preferably for penetration thereof.

6. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the screen (1) in cross section has a semicircular or substantially semicircular shape.

7. Screen according to claim 1, characterized in that the screen (1) is provided to permit location thereof, with a refuse sack (7) provided thereon, on a support (8) from which refuse shall be moved into the refuse sack (7), such that those parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) which extend between the two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) and which thereby have a planar or substantially planar shape, are situated close to and/or engage said support (8).

8. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) are designed or include members for preventing damage of the refuse sack (7) by said longitudinal edges (2, 3).

9. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that a strip (15) can be hooked onto two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) such that said strip (15) extends across an opening (1a) between said edges (2, 3) at second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be folded within said strip (15).

10. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the screen (1) is thin-walled and elastic and consists of polypropylene or similar material, and that the refuse sack (7) is a plastic bag from which the screen (1) can be removed and which can be tied up after removal of the screen (1).

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

[received by the International Bureau on 31 January 2005 (31.01.2005)]

Claims 1 was amended

(total 2 pages)]

1. Screen for holding refuse sacks (7) open, characterized in  
that the screen (1) is shorter than the refuse sack (7) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can  
5 be folded into the screen (1),  
that the screen (1) is designed to stretch the refuse sack (7), and  
that a locking device (11) is provided on the screen (1) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can  
10 be pressed on said locking device (11).
2. Screen according to claim 1, characterized in  
that the screen (1) consists of elastic material  
and is compressible from a normal shape to a narrower  
15 shape,  
that the refuse sack (7) can be threaded onto the screen (1) or said screen (1) be inserted into said refuse sack (7) when said screen (1) is compressed to a narrower shape, and  
20 that the screen (1) can be brought to spring out from its narrower shape to its normal shape and thereby stretch the refuse sack (7).
3. Screen according to claim 2, characterized in that a holding-together member (13) is  
25 provided to hold the screen (1) in its narrower shape.
4. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) has at least one handle opening (6) into which parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) are insertable such that one can get hold of the handle opening (6) in order to lift and carry the screen (1) and the refuse sack (7).
5. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the locking device (11)  
35 comprises pins (11a) which extend outwards from second

9.

end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and against which open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be pressed preferably for penetration thereof.

6. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the screen (1) in cross section has a semicircular or substantially semicircular shape.

7. Screen according to claim 1, characterized in that the screen (1) is provided to permit location thereof, with a refuse sack (7) provided thereon, on a support (8) from which refuse shall be moved into the refuse sack (7), such that those parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) which extend between the two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) and which thereby have a planar or substantially planar shape, are situated close to and/or engage said support (8).

8. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) are designed or include members for preventing damage of the refuse sack (7) by said longitudinal edges (2, 3).

9. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in that a strip (15) can be hooked onto two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) such that said strip (15) extends across an opening (1a) between said edges (2, 3) at second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be folded within said strip (15).

10. Screen according to any preceding claim, characterized in  
that the screen (1) is thin-walled and elastic and consists of polypropylene or similar material, and  
that the refuse sack (7) is a plastic bag from which the screen (1) can be removed and which can be tied up after removal of the screen (1).